

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1 (Currently amended) A nail clipper comprising top and bottom elongated members, each of which has a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces, and distal and proximal ends; the top and bottom elongated members being interconnected by a post extending from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof and adjacent a side surface of the top elongated member to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member; each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a cutting edge disposed in opposing nail clipping relationship; a lever coupled to the post above the top surface of the top member, the lever adapted to cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting position and non-cutting position; and a bumper disposed on the bottom surface of the bottom member, the bumper having an edge disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom member.

2 – 4 (Canceled).

5 (original). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the bumper extends from about the proximal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.

6 (Previously presented) A nail clipper according to claim 17, wherein said lever includes a thumb accepting depression.

7 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 6, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

8 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

9 – 15 (Canceled)

16 (Currently amended) A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are interconnected ~~and the post extends from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof through an opening in the top member adjacent the proximal end thereof to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member.~~

17 (Currently amended) A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are not interconnected, ~~and the post extends adjacent a side surface of the top elongated member to the point above the top surface of the top elongated member.~~

18 – 19 (Canceled)

20 (Currently amended). A nail clipper according to claim 22 ~~19~~, wherein the bumper extends from about the distal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.

21. (Canceled)

22 (New) A nail clipper comprising  
top and bottom elongated members, each of which has a top surface, a bottom  
surface, a pair of side surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;  
the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members not being  
interconnected;  
the top and bottom elongated members being interconnected by a post  
extending from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal  
end thereof, adjacent and interconnected to a side surface of the top elongated member  
to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member;  
each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a cutting edge  
disposed in opposing nail clipping relationship, wherein the cutting edges are disposed  
at an angle to the central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members;  
a lever coupled to the post above the top surface of the top member, the lever  
adapted to cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting position and non-  
cutting position, the lever including a thumb accepting depression; and  
a bumper disposed on the bottom surface of the bottom member, the bumper  
having an edge disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom member.